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FOR S/S SHERMAN

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TAGS: OVIP (INGERSOLL, ROBERT S.)

SUBJECT: QUITO MFM

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1. WE AGREE THAT THE OAS-SUPPLIED SCHEDULE PROVIDED REFTEL B IS PROBABLY FAR FROM FINAL, AN OPINION SHARED BY BOTH GOE AND FOREIGN OFFICE AND OAS OFFICE IN QUITO. CONCUR THAT THERE IS NOT MUCH MERIT IN PREPARING FINAL SCHEDULES FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY BEFORE MORE DEFINITE DATA HAS BEEN RECEIVED. ESSENTIAL OUTLINE OF SCHEDULE, HOWEVER, IS SUBSTANTIALLY FIRM. IT INCLUDES MOST OF THE MAJOR SOCIAL EVENTS.

2. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE DEPUTY SECRETARY WILL BE EXPECTED TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT UPON ARRIVAL IN QUITO. PARTICULARLY IF HE COMES BY COMMERCIAL AIR, AND WE END UP IN A CONFUSED SCENE AT THE AIRPORT TRYING TO SORT OUR DELEGATION FROM OTHER PASSENGERS AND CONCEIVABLY OTHER DELEGATIONS, ETC. IN THE EVENT, HOWEVER, THAT DEPUTY SECRETARY WOULD LIKE TO EITHER MAKE SOME EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS WHEN GREETED AT THE AIRPORT BY GOE OFFICIALS, OR WOULD LIKE TO HAVE USIS/ QUITO DISTRIBUTE HANDOUTS TO THE PRESS, FOLLOWING ARE EMBASSY'S SUGGESTED REMARKS.

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3. QUOTE I AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE IN QUITO, AND TO SEE

AT FIRST HAND THE BEAUTY OF A CAPITAL CITY ABOUT WHICH SO MUCH HAS BEEN WRITTEN. I COMPLIMENT ECUADOR ON THE TRULY SPECTACULAR SETTING WHICH WAS CHOSEN FOR ITS CAPITAL.

WE ARE GATHERED HERE ON A TRULY IMPORTANT OCCASION, DURING WHICH THE CLOSE TIES WHICH HISTORICALLY HAVE UNITED THE NATIONS OF OUR HEMISPHERE WILL ONCE AGAIN BE TESTED. AN ISSUE OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE IS BEFORE US, ONE WHICH HAS PROVOKED INTENSE DISCUSSIONS THROUGHOUT THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. NOW THIS SYSTEM IS BEING PROVIDED WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE, AND DO SO IN A MANNER WHICH WILL ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATE THE FUNDAMENTAL SOLIDARITY OF OUR HEMISPHERE. THE UNITED STATES IS CONFIDENT THAT OUR SYSTEM WILL RISE TO THE CHALLENGE, AND THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES WILL EXERT EVERY EFFORT TOWARD THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THIS FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE AMERICAN STATES. UNQUOTE

4. PLEASE CONFIRM IF THIS TEXT IS ACCEPTABLE, SO USIS CAN PREPARE HANDOUTS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THERE WILL BE MUCH PRESS COVERAGE AT AIRPORT--THIS IS GENERALLY A PRETTY LOW-KEYED TOWN.
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